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Applicant: Jason D. Meridew, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE OF A SELF-TAPPING RESORBABLE SCREW

Attorney Docket: 5490-000341

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.